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THE CONSTITUTION - CHAPTER 4 - PARLIAMENT

The Legislature shall consist of a single chamber which shall be known as Parliament.

THEME "Parliament of the People, by the People and for the People"

PREAMBLE: **WE**, the people of Vanuatu, **PROUD** of our struggle for freedom, **DETERMINED** to safeguard the achievements of this struggle, **CHERISHING** our ethnic, linguistic and cultural diversity, **MINDFUL** at the same time of our common destiny, **HEREBY** proclaim the establishment of the united and free Republic of Vanuatu founded on traditional Melanesian values, faith in God, and Christian principles, **AND** for this purpose give ourselves this Constitution.

LIVE STREAM

Vanuatu Parliament 360 Virtual Tour

Hon. Silas Bule Melve

National United Party (NUP)

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Basic Information

Constituency:
Pentecost

Parliamentary Appointment:

Re-elected to the Parliament of Vanuatu for Pentecost Constituency in 2020
Elected to the Parliament of Vanuatu for Pentecost Constituency in 2016

Parliamentary Committee:

Member of Committee on Members Ethics and Integrity, 3 May 2016

Ministerial Appointments:

Minister of Health, Appointed on 20 April 2020
Parliamentary Secretary - Education In-Charge of Education

Education:

Bachelor of Arts and Graduate Certificate Education

Occupation before entering Parliament:

Teacher at Melsisi, 2010 - 2014
Principal of Ranwadi College, 1986 - 2009
Teacher of Social Science at Ranwadi College, 1985

Year of birth:
26 August 1960

Home island:
Pentecost

HOUSE AND PROCEDURE

The House and Procedures Division of Parliament is a division of the Parliamentary Secretariat which is responsible for the management of parliament's procedures, legal advises and the security of Parliament. The division is responsible for ensuring that the functioning of Parliament is governed by the laws, rules and practices that form the basis of the Speaker's authority when presiding over debates.

HANSARD & INFORMATION SERVICES

The **Hansard and Information Services Division** is established to provide accurate records of parliamentary proceedings, manage information and communication technologies, deliver library and research services, and promote civic education. Its mission is to strengthen transparency, accountability, and citizen engagement in the work of Parliament..

CORPORATE SERVICE

The Corporate Service Team is responsible for corporate strategy and planning under the direction of the Clerk Assistant Corporate services. It is also charged with providing efficient, accurate and management of human and financial resources. The department under Corporate Service includes: Human Resources, Finance, Information technology (ICT), Groundsman, Cleaners.

Parliament automatically resolves itself into the Committee of the Whole House under the chairmanship of the speaker when debating a private or government Bill. They are often referred to as the 'workhorses' of a parliament. It is at the committee stage that the text of parliamentary bills is revised and refined to ensure that it is correct and ready for debate by the full Parliament.

Vanuatu Parliament News

Commencement of Parliamentary Works 2026

Port Vila, 15th January 2026, SHEFA Province – The works of the Parliamentary Secretariat have resumed for 2026.

In a short devotional program, the Speaker of the Parliament, Excellency Stephen Dorrick FELIX MA'AU MALFES (MP), at the same time Acting Head Of State, welcomed everyone back to office.

> Read more: Commencement of Parliamentary Works 2026

Ensuring Efficiency and Transparency

The Pacific Floating Budget Office pools together in Port Vila for few days till October 15th analyzing the budget for the year 2026 prior to the second ordinary session of 2025 of the Parliament of the Republic of Vanuatu which dates will be made known after the second extraordinary session for this year 2025 commencing October 22nd.

This year's Pacific Floating Budget Office comprises of Ms. Yasivou Kalaniuvalu (Legislative Assembly of Tonga) Ms. Margaret Pigatauguru Sipele (National Parliament of Solomon Islands)

- Mr. Michiel Verkade (New Zealand Parliament)
- Mr. Giles Dickenson-Jones (UNDP FBO Consultant)
- Mr. Zachary Dusan Dadic (Parliament of Queensland)
- Ms. Teawa Tuare (Kiribati Parliament)
- Mr. Josua Namoce (Fiji Parliament)

> Read more: Ensuring Efficiency and Transparency

Atajmen lo Lidaship Trening - Australia 2025

Updates from Australia this week.

Port Vila 27th May 2025, SHEFA Province - Olketa memba blong Palemen i gohed wetem trening atajmen we oli go atendem long Ostrelia.
Tedei hemi day 2 blong trening mo Wednesdei 29 Mei bae hemi las dei blong trening bifo oli kontiniu long bisi program blong olketa we bae i luk oli travel tu i go long ol narafala steit.

> Read more: Atajmen lo Lidaship Trening - Australia 2025

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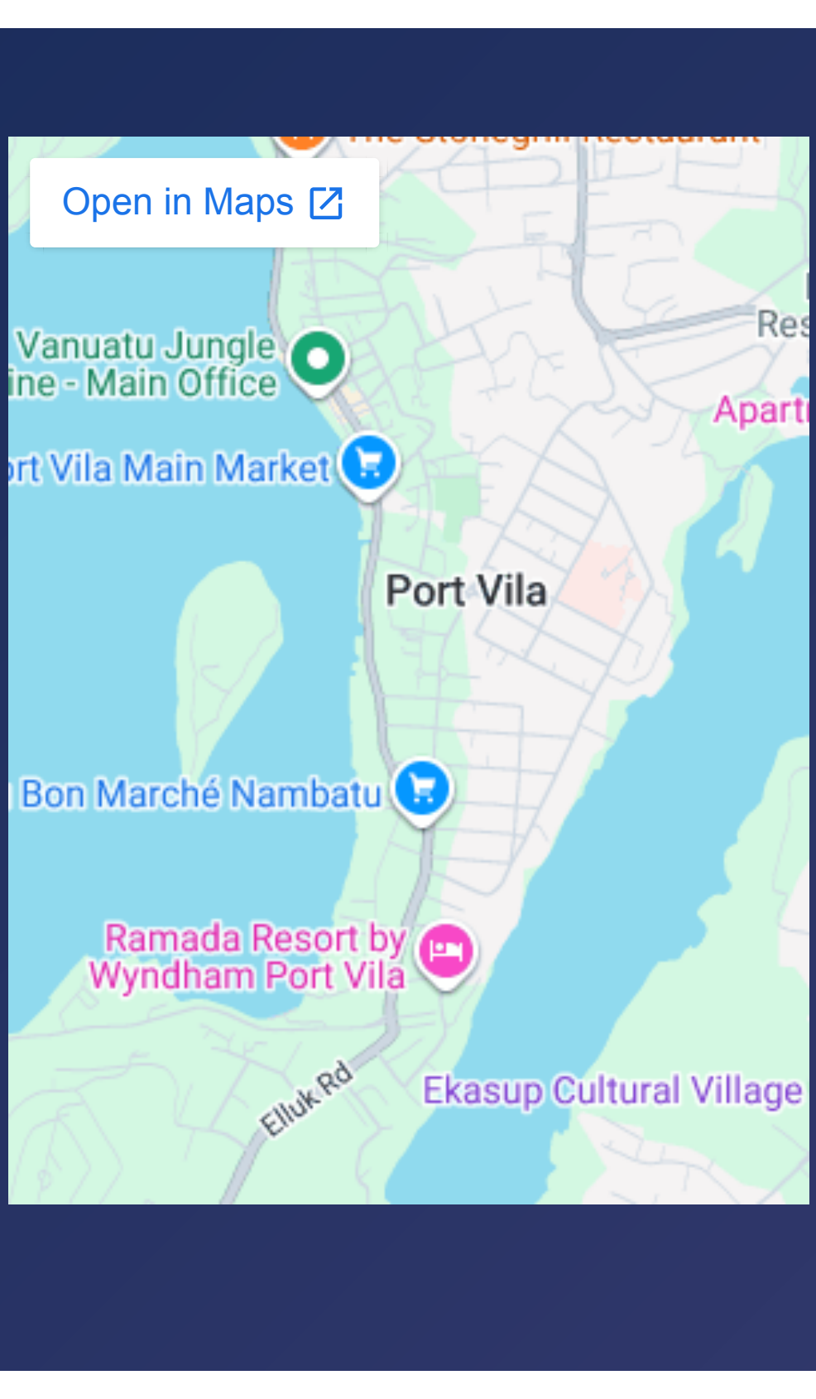

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